

EXERCISE 1

There are still those devotees of sport who support the emphasis laid on school games and for whom sport is a kind of religion. To them the sporting spirit is the finest attitude with which to face life, since its possessor is very conscious of his obligations to the community. Yet the truth about the religion of sport is that it does not deliver the goods; it fails to produce sportsmen. In actual fact, games have practically no effect on character, for a selfish man will play his games selfishly in spite of all that has been talked about the team-spirit while a chivalrous man will be chivalrous in his games. Games afford an opportunity for showing spirit within; they are a vehicle for virtue or for vice and it is for this that we should value them; not as some miraculous process for making a bad man good or a crooked man straight. If we support the system of compulsory games, let it be for the right reasons.

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The Value of Sports

There are some people who treat sports as a religion. They believe sportsman can contribute to society in a positive manner. But it is not necessary that sports have positive impact on one's true nature. Selfish will play his way while brave will play in true spirit of game. Sports provide platform to develop good character but do not guarantee it. One should support games for right purposes.

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